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## **Plea Agreement Reached in Sexual Misconduct Case Against Former San Diego County Sheriff's Deputy**

A former San Diego County Sheriff's deputy charged with sexual misconduct involving more than a dozen victims entered guilty pleas today as part of an agreement that will impose a maximum sentence of five years in custody. Defendant Richard Fischer, 33, entered the plea on the morning his jury trial was set to begin in San Diego County Superior Court in Vista, California.



Fischer pleaded guilty to four felony counts of assault under color of authority without lawful necessity involving four of his victims. He also pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of assault under color of authority without lawful necessity involving 11 victims and one count of misdemeanor false imprisonment involving one victim. As part of the plea agreement, the court will determine whether the defendant will be required to register as a sex offender.

**"This plea acknowledges the separate crimes committed against each victim and is accepted in accordance with the wishes of the overwhelming number of victims who agree it is a just and appropriate resolution that holds the defendant accountable for his crimes," said District Attorney Summer Stephan. "I want to thank the victims who showed tremendous courage by coming forward and standing up to**

**the defendant who abused his position of trust under the color of authority. I also want to thank the prosecution team for their tremendous work and their commitment to obtaining justice in this case."**

Fischer faced accusations by 16 victims. The encounters took place in North and East County. Several women said Fischer groped, hugged or tried to kiss them.

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